IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH AT INDORE

BEFORE

HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE PAVAN KUMAR DWIVEDI

ON THE 5th OF NOVEMBER, 2026

CONTEMPT PETITION CIVIL No. 7815 of 2026

CNR No.: MPHC020444372026

ARUNESH MISHRA

Versus

ANUPAM RAJAN PRINCIPAL SECRETARY AND OTHERS

Appearance:

Shri Jayesh Gurnani, learned counsel for the petitioner.

ORDER

The petitioner has filed the present petition being aggrieved by the non-compliance of the order dated 03.08.2026 passed by the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court at its Principal Seat at Jabalpur in W.P. No.34295/2024.

2. The Office has raised objection about the territorial jurisdiction of this Court to entertain the present contempt petition, in view of the fact that the order in question was passed by the Hon'ble Division Bench at the Principal Seat, Jabalpur. Though the objection, in the first blush, appears to be sustainable, this Court, considering the fact that the direction given by the Hon'ble Division Bench was to hold elections in the entire State of Madhya Pradesh and that the petitioner has come before this Court challenging inaction on the part of respondent No.4 essentially, who happens to be the Registrar of Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore, particularly with regard

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to the non-conduct of elections in the University at Indore, proceeds to dispose of the present petition.

3. The direction given by the Hon'ble Division Bench was based on the positive statement made by the State in its return along with which it had enclosed the academic calendar for the academic session of 2026-27. As per the said academic calendar, the month of September, 2026 was fixed for conducting the Student Body Elections. In view of the specific positive statement of the State Government, the Court had given following directions :

> *"3. Now, the State Government has filed a reply along with the Academic Calendar for the academic session 2026-27. In the said Academic Calendar, the month of September 2026 has been fixed for conducting the Student Body Elections (Chhatra Sangathan).*
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> *4. In view of the above, the petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to conduct the elections in each and every college and university in Madhya Pradesh."*

4. Considering the above, the present petition is disposed of with direction to respondent No.4 / competent authority to ensure compliance of the order passed by the Hon'ble Division Bench within an outer limit of 75 days from the date of communication of this order.

Certified copy as per rules.

(PAVAN KUMAR DWIVEDI)
JUDGE

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